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# BRYANT Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

April/May 2002

## Bryant to hold 139th Commencement on May 18



Keynote speaker, Rick Goings, chairman and CEO of the Tupperware Corporation

Bryant will hold its 139th Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., with 656 students expected to receive degrees. Graduate School Commencement will be held for 140 graduate students on Friday, May 17, at 4 p.m. Both ceremonies will take place under a tent adjacent to the Bryant Center and will be broadcasted live on the Web.

### UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT, MAY 18, 10 A.M.

The keynote speaker at Undergraduate Commencement will be Rick Goings, chairman and CEO of the Tupperware Corporation, one of the world's leading direct sellers, with annual sales in excess of \$1.2 billion. Goings exemplifies the Bryant standard of commitment to community and to globalization. He is past chairman and a member of the Board of Governors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is the recipient of their Herbert Hoover Humanitarian Award. The People's Republic of China recognized him for his contributions to China's economic development and his concern for Chinese society with the Marco Polo Award in March of 2000.

In conjunction with his receipt of an honorary degree, the campus will be rededicated in honor of Tupperware founder Earl Tupper, who generously donated the land for Bryant's campus 35 years ago. Goings will receive an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

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## Not for women only

The grand opening of the Women's Center on March 27 is a tribute to the vision and dedication of many Bryant students, faculty, and staff.

As an institution that has expanded the world of opportunity for women throughout its 138-year history, the college reinforced its efforts with this newest initiative. Located on the third floor of the Bryant Center, the center's primary mission is to educate the men and women on campus and in the community about issues affecting women including health-related topics, discrimination, workplace concerns, and crime.

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Welcome to the Women's Center.



# 139th Commencement

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Patrick Keeley

Bryant's beloved English Professor Patrick Keeley, who died on April 29 after a long battle with cancer, will receive a posthumous Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Keeley is being recognized for his service to the College both in and out of the classroom. His vibrant, enthusiastic teaching style made him a campus favorite throughout his long career, as evidenced in November,

when his class, ENG355, *The Novel*, closed in 30 seconds as students registered online for the first time.

Keeley graduated from Bridgewater State College, earned a master's degree from Providence College, and joined Bryant's faculty in 1967. In 1982, he was voted the first recipient of the Bryant Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. In addition, he became a visible symbol of the College, having served as Master of Ceremonies at so many of Bryant's community events that he became known as the "Voice of Bryant."



M. Anne Szostak

The third undergraduate honorary degree recipient is M. Anne Szostak, chairman and CEO of Fleet Rhode Island. Szostak is also executive vice president and corporate director of human resources and diversity for FleetBoston Financial. As a successful businesswoman and champion for employees, she exemplifies Bryant's dedication to diversity and success. She

serves on several boards, including Colby College, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and on the United Way Women's Leadership Committee. She was recently honored as a role model for women by the YWCA with its prestigious Athena Award.

Szostak will receive an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT MAY 17, 4 P.M.



David M. Walker

The keynote speaker at the Graduate School Commencement will be David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States. Walker is the nation's chief accountability officer and head of the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO). At a time of eroding public trust in financial and business enterprises, he represents a bulwark of integrity, having served in his current office since 1988.

Walker also represents Bryant's commitment to internationalization and to community, as he serves as Chief of the U.S. Intergovernmental Audit Forum, is on the Board of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, and serves on the board of several educational and not-for-profit entities.

Walker will receive an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

## COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

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|-----------|---|
| 4 p.m.    | Graduate School Commencement<br>Main tent adjacent to Bryant Center |
| 5 p.m.    | Graduate School reception<br>Bryant Center lawn                     |
| 6 p.m.    | Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2002<br>Unistructure Rotunda |
| 6:30 p.m. | President's Reception<br>Reception tent                             |

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

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|------------|---|
| 8 a.m.     | Annual Commencement Breakfast<br>Papitto Dining Room (for honorary degree recipients, faculty, and staff) |
| 10 a.m.    | 139th Undergraduate Commencement<br>Main tent   |
| 12:15 p.m. | Reception for new alumni<br>Reception tent  |

## RESERVED SEATING/PHOTOGRAPHY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Bryant employees who are graduating, or who have a daughter, son, or spouse who is graduating, are eligible to receive two VIP seating tickets to Commencement exercises. Contact Carol Coronado or Jennifer Coleman at Ext. 6274.

Employees who are graduating, or have a family member graduating, may also arrange to have a formal photo taken in the Robing Room on Commencement morning. Please contact Janet Proulx or Leslie Bucci at Ext. 6120 to make arrangements.



# AI (Artificial Intelligence) is more than a movie



(L-r) Professor Brian Blais, Dan Murray '03, Brad Schumacher '05, and Ron Pitt, director of the Faculty Development Center

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is playing a larger role in our daily lives, from computer systems in cars to airport security to zip code readers in the U.S. Post Office, although in each case the AI is almost always in the background. To help bring this growing

technology to the forefront, Bryant students and faculty are exploring AI in the context of robotics. As part of an independent study course, Daniel Murray '03 and Bradley Schumacher '05 pitted a machine that they designed and built against one built by Professor

Brian Blais, course instructor, and Bryant administrator Ron Pitt. The students won.

A crowd gathered in the Unistrukture Rotunda on April 23 to watch the robots (that looked like Lego projects gone awry) compete to accumulate the largest number of plastic balls in an enclosed platform. Each robot was pre-programmed to cope with its environment, "see" a ball, and then, using its own unique features, react to the other robot's tactics. The students and the faculty pressed buttons on their robots to select different programs before each round – but the humans had no control once the competition started.

Students who watched the demonstration were excited to learn that their very own robots may compete in an expanded event next year when the new "Artificial Intelligence and Robotics" course is introduced.

Steven Spielberg may be visiting any time now.

## Grant to help faculty keep technological edge

Technology is a vital tool in how we do business, within the college community and in the business world. How do teachers stay on top of innovative developments that can benefit their students?

A \$250,000 grant from the Davis Educational Foundation will help Bryant faculty do just that. The three-year grant will be used to enhance Bryant's curriculum by helping faculty learn new ways to integrate technology in their course instruction. The grant has allowed the college to hire a full-time instructional technology specialist who will partner with faculty to help them learn the latest techniques in practical instructional technology, as well as measure the impact of these innovations on the learning process of Bryant students.

The grant is also supporting faculty mini-grants to incorporate innovative uses of technology into their courses and research. Funded projects, chosen by a subcommittee of the Technology Task Force for Innovation in Instructional Technology, will allow the college to expand the curriculum into new areas such as data mining and Web-based surveys, and will also support faculty to develop new expertise with digital still imaging and video.

The grant was received from the Davis Educational Foundation established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Stanton Davis' retirement as chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.

### WORLD TRADE DAY 2002

**The European Union 1992-2002  
10 Years Later**

**May 30, 2002**  
Bryant College

Join us for the day to learn about  
business opportunities in the  
European Union (EU).

For more information,  
call 232-6407.







## Michael Collins '01

Systems Associate  
Fidelity Investments

Graduated from Bryant in 2001 and entered the "Systems Associate Program" at Fidelity Investments. A CIS concentrator, Collins supported himself as an undergraduate by starting and managing his own computer sales company.

### What is the Systems Associate Program?

It is a company-wide recruiting program that creates a pipeline of information technology employees.

### How has your education prepared you for the business world?

The methodologies and insight provided by Bryant's professors and the solid business background I received are priceless tools in the financial industry.

### How does the Bryant/Fidelity connection benefit both institutions?

I originally came to Bryant because I wanted to work at Fidelity. So I think Fidelity benefits from the availability of talented Bryant graduates, and Bryant benefits from having a solid connection with a great organization like Fidelity.

### Skills you most use on the job:

Communication and computer skills

### Biggest daily challenge:

There is a huge customer service aspect to my role, so I've had to continuously build on my communication skills.

### Greatest strengths:

My ability to deal with any situation that comes my way.

### Motto you live by:

Hard work is always compensated.

### Favorite quote:

God me put on this earth to do a certain amount of things, and at this rate I'll die young.

### Most important influence in your life:

My mother. She raised my two sisters and me as a single parent. Her dedication and hard work have always inspired me.

### Most memorable Bryant professor:

Professor David Gannon. He always cared for his students and provided a twist of fun to the day.

### Most overused word or phrase:

Thank you

### Favorite activity:

Rock climbing

### Greatest extravagance:

Computers – I have five at home.

### Advice to Bryant students:

Continuously network and make connections. Anything is attainable if you put in the effort.

## Annual Fund keeps climbing

The Bryant College Annual Fund is currently at \$706,520. That's \$41,158 ahead of contributions last year at this time – almost two percentage points higher, with 531 additional alumni donors. Of that, \$48,464 was donated by 230 faculty and staff through the Campus Campaign.

The Bryant Annual Fund ends on July 31, and it's still not too late to make a difference. Call 232-6255 or toll-free at 1-877-353-5667 if you would like to contribute.

## Bryant Business wins gold

*Bryant Business* has won a Gold Award in the 17th Annual Admissions Advertising Award contest. The college's alumni magazine won in the external publication category for the Winter 2001 edition, featuring Jack and the Beanstalk on the cover.

Congratulations to Managing Editor Joyce O'Neill and all the magazine's contributors. Lipman Hearne Inc., Chicago/Washington, produces *Bryant Business*.



# In Memoriam - Professor Patrick Keeley

Patrick Keeley, Bryant's beloved English and Humanities professor, died on April 29 after a valiant battle with cancer. On May 18, he would have received an honorary degree at Commencement for his unparalleled service to the college both in and out of the classroom. A



Patrick Keeley

memorial service was held on campus on May 9.

Keeley began teaching in 1967, and his flamboyant style made him a campus favorite throughout his career. Among his many accomplishments, he was voted the first recipient of the Bryant Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award in 1982.

In 2001, he received a Bryant Community Spirit Award, given annually to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and make their presence felt on campus. Keeley served on numerous college committees over the years.

He was a man who preferred to talk about Bryant's accomplishments more than his own and loved to point out the amazing transformation taking place on campus in new buildings, programs, technological advancements, and more. "Bryant has arrived and there are no two ways about it," Keeley said in a recent interview. Referring to the college's national reputation for excellence, he noted, "You earn that through good administration, good finance, good programs, excellent faculty, responsive students, and good recruiting."

Keeley served as Master of Ceremonies at so many Bryant events that he was known as the "Voice of Bryant." He was also asked to officiate at many roasts – no one could hold a candle to or escape from his rapier wit.

Professor Patrick Keeley left an indelible mark on the Bryant campus and on the students and people who have known him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

## WOMEN'S CENTER continued from page 1

The center will also provide a safe and supportive environment for women.

"Bryant is career focused, so the Women's Center is especially important," says Professor Terri Hasseler, a member of the steering committee. "By educating men and women who will be running businesses in the future, we will create a better climate for women entering the workforce."

Students helped lead the movement to create this center, and they are deeply involved with the selection of programming and resource materials.

Student interns are currently staffing the center, and plans are under way to hire a part-time director this fall. More programs and resources will be added as funding grows.



Steering Committee members include (front row, l-r) Angela Gugliotta '02, Prof. Janet Dean, Rosanne Dana, Rebecca Churt '03, Prof. Terri Hasseler, Tomeka Robinson '03, Virginia Bowry; (back row, l-r) Prof. Nanci Weinberger, Michelle Pelosi, Richard Dankel, Judy Kawamoto, and Barbara Gregory. Not pictured is Prof. Paul Lokken.

Sculpture donated by Jane Bowry, a graduate school student at Rhode Island College (and daughter of DPS's Virginia Bowry).



# Lynn Goodchild '98 remembered

**B**ryant College paid tribute to an alumna who was a casualty of the September 11 attacks when the college hosted the annual Northern Rhode Island Karate Championships in the Bryant Athletics & Recreation Center on March 23.

Lynn Goodchild and her boyfriend Shawn Nassaney '98 (also a Bryant grad), were passengers on United Airlines Flight 175. Goodchild was president of Bryant's Karate Club as an undergraduate and a second-degree blue belt. She was employed at Putnam Investments in Norwood, Massachusetts.

President Ronald K. Machtley and Karate Club founder Ron Renaud '81 led a special tribute to Goodchild prior to the start of the tournament and presented her parents with a memorial plaque. The tournament raised money for a scholarship fund at Bryant named for Goodchild. In addition, Renaud presented the first Lynn Goodchild Spirit



A special tribute to Lynn Goodchild '98 is held before the tournament. Pictured (l-r) are Karate Club member Keith Williams '98; President Ronald K. Machtley; Lynn's brother, Neil Goodchild; her parents, Ellen and Bill Goodchild; and Karate Club founder Ron Renaud '81.

Award, which will be given annually to the most supportive organization at the tournament.

The Northern Rhode Island Karate Championships have been held at Bryant

since 1994, and the event brings hundreds of competitors representing dozens of karate schools and college clubs from New England, New York, and New Jersey to the campus.

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**MAY 4**

**Northern Rhode Island  
Special Olympics**

**MAY 5 - JUNE 2**

**Jackie Robinson Exhibit**

**MAY 10**

**28th Annual Service Awards  
3 p.m., Papitto Dining Room**

**MAY 17**

**Graduate Commencement  
4 p.m., Main tent**

**MAY 18**

**139th Undergraduate  
Commencement  
10 a.m., Main tent**

**MAY 20**

**Graduate Summer Session begins**

**MAY 22**

**Undergraduate Summer Session  
begins**

**MAY 27**

**Memorial Day**

**MAY 30**

**World Trade Day**

**JUNE 14**

**Annual Team Day for faculty  
and staff**

**JULY 21-AUG 24**

**New England Patriots Summer  
Training Camp  
Call 232-1776 for practice information.**

**AUG 31**

**Bryant Football vs. URI  
2 p.m., Meade Stadium**

**SEPT 28-29**

**Homecoming/Reunion 2002**



## PEOPLE

### New Faces



**Kathleen Craig**  
Academic Budget  
Manager  
Academic Affairs



**Theresa Moreau**  
Accounting Clerk  
Controller's Office

#### PHOTOS NOT AVAILABLE

**Mary McLellan**  
Purchasing Assistant  
Purchasing Department

**Jeffery Fallin**  
Custodian  
Physical Plant

**Daniel Mathewson**  
Custodian  
Physical Plant

**Brian McCarthy**  
Plumber  
Physical Plant

## "Bryant on the Road"

From the East Coast to the West Coast, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Bermuda, "Bryant on the Road" introduces The Campaign for Bryant and brings news of exciting developments on campus to selected sites around the country and beyond. Faculty and staff team up with alumni, parents of students, and friends of Bryant to hold events that strengthen relationships and provide educational and informational opportunities for those interested in attending Bryant or participating in the Campaign.

On March 20, Bryant representatives visited San Juan, Puerto Rico, for an event hosted by Bryant alumni. Pictured (l-r) are Shawn Buckless, director of

leadership gifts and planned giving; Maria A. Braz-Benitez '95; Marcelo R. Gutierrez '92; Jose C. Buenaga '82; Berta M. Jimenez Berrios '94; and Luis H. Berrios '94.

Other events have been held through-



out the spring in Hartford, Connecticut; Northern/Mid-New Jersey; Rochester, New York; Los Angeles; Boston; and New York City. More visits are being planned for the fall.

## FYI

President Emeritus William T. O'Hara has been appointed a charter member of The Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Advisory Board. The board reviews areas such as curriculum, facilities, and general long-range planning goals. Also appointed is The Honorable Bruce L. Selya '96H, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Providence, Rhode Island, who was as chairman of Bryant's Board Trustees from 1986 to 1992. Judge Selya currently serves as an Active Honorary Trustee.

Professor Kenneth Sousa presented a paper, "The Effect of Electronic Business on Purchasing Activities in a Manufacturing Organization," at the Northeast Decision Sciences 2002 Conference in March. The paper was

co-authored with URI Professors Maling Ebrahimpour and Paul Mangiameli.

Professor Eugene Amelio was awarded the first Pro Bono Publico Award by the Justinian Law Society of Rhode Island at their annual meeting held recently in Providence. Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci also presented him with a Citizen Citation in recognition of his countless contributions to the citizens and organizations of Rhode Island.

Barbara Gregory, assistant director of career services/internships, has been elected president of the New England Association of Cooperative Education and Field Experience (NEACEFE).

Professor Ronald Deluga has been appointed to the editorial board of reviewers for *The Leadership Quarterly*.



# Education outside the classroom

Creative. Concerned. Committed. Bryant students, faculty, and staff are regularly involved in projects that educate the members of our community and those outside as well about a variety of important issues. Bryant students volunteer and take leadership roles in many of these initiatives.



## LINES OF COMMUNICATION

The Rhode Island Clothesline Project is a powerful visual tribute to victims and survivors of violence against women. The shirts display a range of emotions – from pain to celebration.



## SENIOR CITIZENS PROM

The 9th annual Senior Citizens Prom brought 120 senior citizens from the local area to campus for a magical evening in the tropics. The crowning of the prom's King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee of Smithfield, followed dinner and dancing. Pictured, Tim McGraw '02, enjoys a dance with one of the prom's special guests.

The event was sponsored by the Student Senate and chaired by Kristen Lyons '04.



## CONFERENCE INSPIRES STUDENTS

Students held their own mini women's summit on March 22 with the Student Herstory Event (S.H.E.), which offered workshops on identifying leadership skills and workforce potential. Keynote speaker Senator Toni Harp of Connecticut, who was honored by the U.S. Congress in 1996 as "Woman of the Year," is pictured with Tomeka Robinson '03 (left) and Janean Allen '04, co-chairs of the event.



## SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES

April 10 marked a Day of Silence – a national demonstration to promote awareness of discrimination faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students in educational institutions. Instead of speaking, participants handed out cards explaining their silence and asking for the support of their fellow students in combating harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. More than 1,900 high school and college campuses in 50 states took part in this year's demonstration. The Day of Silence began in 1996 with one school.

Bryant supporters wore specially designed T-shirts and some students made an even more dramatic statement as shown by (l-r) Nathaniel Gill '02, Jason Joyal '02, Elizabeth Tulley '03, and Rebecca Churt '03.



## WALL OF HOPE

Students, faculty, and staff joined together on April 11 to take part in the Wall of Hope Project. Developed by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), participants painted ceramic tiles to commemorate the events of September 11 and portray their vision of hope for the future. Once the tiles are glazed and fired, they will be affixed to a permanent monument in Providence, joining more than 10,000 tiles that have been painted by service agencies, churches, businesses, and schools across Rhode Island.

This event was sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Aramark Food Service, The Archway, the Student Senate, and Greek Life.



Jessica Bradbury '03



## Cultural Series concerts span cultures, time

March and April brought two very diverse musical offerings to the Bryant campus. Sol y Canto's exciting Latin American sounds had the audience dancing in the aisles of Janikies Auditorium. World-class pianist Agustin Anievas also brought appreciative fans to their feet for several standing ovations during a concert featuring the music of Frédéric François Chopin.



Sol y Canto's program is in Spanish, but their music crosses all cultures and brings an enthusiastic audience to its feet.



Pianist Agustin Anievas with (left) Dr. Mark P. Malkovich III, general director of the Newport Music Festival and President Ronald K. Machtley



## GOOD SPORTS

### **BREAKING INTO CAREERS IN SPORTS REQUIRES COMMITMENT, INGENUITY**

They came from diverse jobs in the sports arena and took different paths to get there, but the seven panelists who spoke at Bryant's recent "Careers in Sports" forum sent a consistent message to students: Get involved, and meet people.

The panel discussion, sponsored by the departments of career services and athletics, brought together a number of successful veterans and relative newcomers of the Rhode Island sports scene. Most were quick to point out that they weren't necessarily successful because of big paychecks but because they genuinely enjoyed what they did for a living.

Tom Odjakjian, associate commissioner of the Big East Conference responsible for arranging and scheduling the league's network television packages, illustrated the importance of networking. His work as an intern at the Eastern College Athletic Conference and as sports information director at Princeton University brought him in contact with many professionals in the sports and broadcasting industries. An unsuccessful job interview paid off when the interviewer forwarded his name to a colleague, who had a position available.

B.J. Voss, who, at 24 years of age, serves as the event manager at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, related well to the college crowd and offered tangible evidence of how hard work, good timing, and luck can lead to professional success. Voss's internship with the World Wrestling Federation led to a full-time marketing position with the short-lived XFL football league. And when the former Providence Civic Center posted an opening, Voss had the relevant experience to step in as the facility's event manager. He now oversees the logistics behind every event held at the storied arena.

To a person, the panelists encouraged the 75 Bryant students in attendance to get involved early if a career in sports was in their plans. In many cases, that means being prepared to work for free to get a foot in the door.

Other speakers included Joe D'Antonio, assistant director of athletics for compliance at Providence College; Jeff Bradley, director of community relations for the Pawtucket Red Sox; Jeff Hagan, director of ticket sales for the Providence Bruins; Janice Simoneau, marketing communications manager for Titleist Footjoy Worldwide; and Randy Scott, director of sports sales for Citadel Broadcasting in Providence.

### **KUDOS TO ICE HOCKEY, RACQUETBALL CLUBS**

The recent months have provided two significant highlights for Bryant's sport club programs as the men's ice hockey club came away with a league championship, while the men's and women's racquetball club continued to fare well at the national level.

The hockey club reached the playoffs of the Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association by placing first in its division, and took a 4-3 win against Bridgewater State in the quarterfinal round of the league tournament. Bryant then took a 6-5 overtime decision against a soon-to-be-varsity Franklin Pierce team in the semifinals before winning the championship game against MIT, 3-1, in Hookset, New Hampshire.

The racquetball club, meanwhile, placed fifth in the team standings at the 2002 E-Force USRA National Intercollegiate Championships on the campus of Texas A&M University. Bryant's Tom Dolan advanced to the final round of the No. 6 men's singles bracket, while the doubles tandem of Quatia Marigny/Shannon Noonan reached the final in No. 3 doubles.

## Jolie Coleman Fund

**B**ookstore Manager Jolie Coleman was diagnosed with cancer on February 14. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

Several initiatives are under way to benefit the Coleman family. Raffle tickets for bookstore items can be purchased directly at the bookstore at \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The

Junction will hold a "Pizza for Jolie" event during Senior Week (May 14-17). Owner Tim Lloyd will donate his time and pizza ingredients for this event.

Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation can contact the bookstore at 232-6240.



# Former VP Gertrude Meth Hochberg leaves Bryant legacy

**G**ertrude Meth Hochberg, 90, who retired from Bryant in 1978 as vice president for public affairs, died on March 20 in Florida.

Referred to by *The Providence Journal* in 1999 as a “R.I. feminist ‘pioneer,’” Hochberg was the first woman ever to hold the title of vice president at a Rhode Island college or university. Her tenure at Bryant led to national recognition for the college and its growth, and eventual relocation, to the Smithfield campus. There is no doubt that her contributions to Bryant helped to make it the influential institution that is it today.

After her retirement, Hochberg maintained a keen interest in Bryant and its activities from both her Providence and Florida homes. The Alumni Association made her an honorary member and established the Gertrude Hochberg Scholarship. At Reunion 1992, she received an honorary Masters in Business Administration from the

college. Ever the PR professional, she will be fondly remembered for the thoughtful handwritten notes she sent to countless students, faculty, and staff over the years.

In 1991, Hochberg became the first recipient of the Newell D. Goff Award for Ingenuity, Creativity, and Enterprise at the Bryant College Women’s Summit. That award was one of many she received throughout her life in recognition of her extraordinary accomplishments. Her interest in women’s issues drove many of her activities. She was also a strong advocate for social causes, children, and the arts and contributed to many civic and community organizations.



Hochberg leaves a daughter, Erica H. Stern; a son, Mark S. Hochberg, M.D.; and four grandchildren. She was the wife of the late Robert Hochberg, a retired businessman. A funeral service was held on March 24 at Temple Beth El in Providence.

Donations to the Gertrude Meth Hochberg Scholarship Fund can be arranged through Carol Coronado at 232-6139.

## Sergei Khrushchev speaks on Russian economic reform

**S**ergei N. Khrushchev, senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University and son of Nikita Khrushchev, former Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, spoke in April on “Russian Economic Reform: Problems and Prospects for the Future.” Sponsoring campus organizations included the Department of Economics, the Department of History and Social Sciences, and The John H. Chafee Center for International Business.





# Author of *Heather Has Two Mommies* speaks out



She says she has been called the most dangerous writer living in America today and has been repeatedly accused of having a militant, political agenda. Her children's book, *Heather Has Two Mommies*, is No. 14 on "The 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-2000," as compiled by the Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association.

The author of more than a dozen books, including the acclaimed *A Letter To Harvey Milk*, Lesléa Newman spoke at Bryant on April 22 on the topic, "Heather's Mommy Speaks Out: Homophobia, Censorship, and Family Values."

Newman says she wrote *Heather* to help children with lesbian mothers feel good about themselves and their families. "Every child has a right to be proud of their family," she told the audience. "I did not write a controversial book – I wrote one that became controversial."

Newman dedicated her talk to Matthew Shephard, the openly gay 21-year-old University of Wyoming student who was brutally murdered in 1998.

Bryant Pride sponsored this lecture, which was followed by a reception and book signing.

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## Alumna shares personal account of 9/11 in NYC

After Erin Higgins '98 received a Bryant College degree with a concentration in international studies, she moved back to New Jersey and took a job with the Bank of New York in New York City. On September 11, Higgins, who worked across the street from the World Trade Towers, felt the effects of the terrorists actions first hand.

She returned to Bryant on March 28 and gave a very personal account of what happened to her on that day – the building she worked in was actually hit by a piece of one of the planes. For Higgins, the traumatic event had continuing personal and professional implications. She noted that the knowledge of international affairs gained at Bryant has helped her work through many changes that have taken place in her life since that tragic September day.

"I had continued to follow the international scene since leaving Bryant because I was so interested. You can't be close-minded about other cultures, and some people were quick to blame. It's important to understand that what happens in other parts of the world does affect us," she said.

The program was also an opportunity for the faculty to introduce some changes in the international studies program. They have reduced the number of required business courses



for this program, giving students greater flexibility in their business course selections. This will enable INTS concentrators to minor in international business or one of the other available business minors.



# An exceptional Women's Summit

The fifth Women's Summit, "Gateway to Opportunity," brought an unprecedented 800 women and men to Bryant for a day of inspiration, education, and networking. The Summit has doubled in size since its inception in 1997, and it is the largest daylong conference in Rhode Island

geared toward women.

Kudos to conference chair Kati Machtley, co-chairs Judith Clare and Mary Moroney, committee members, and the countless volunteers whose tireless efforts provided such a positive experience for women in Southeastern New England.



Cynthia Egan, president of Fidelity's Charitable Services, introduces Suze Orman. Fidelity Investments was the primary sponsor of the conference.



Peggy Simonsen, a recognized leader in the field of career development, signs copies of one of her books.



Paula Groves, founding partner of the venture capital firm Axon Capital, shares insights to career success and tells those in attendance to take risks.



Dr. Eleanor McMahon, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Public Policy and Education at Brown University, receives the Newell D. Goff Award for Ingenuity, Creativity, and Enterprise.



Hundreds queue up to have books signed by investment guru Suze Orman, who urged women to take greater control of their finances and their lives during a dynamic keynote address. After the rush, she and Kati Machtley, conference chair, take a moment for a photo.

## LAPTOP COMPUTER PROGRAM SET TO BEGIN

Beginning in September, freshmen won't be confined to their dorm rooms if they want to use their personal computers. Included in freshman tuition will be top-of-the-line IBM Pentium 4 wireless-capable laptop computers for personal use.

After close consultation with technology experts, Bryant decided to phase in the program with incoming freshman to give the school a longer time horizon to adjust to the opportunities and challenges presented by this program. While upperclassmen, faculty, and staff are not included in the plan initially, arrangements are being made so that they can participate.

The plan also includes technology updates. In their junior year, students will exchange their laptops for new models and will have the option to purchase those computers for a nominal fee at the conclusion of their senior year.

The new program supports all the progress that has already been made on the technology front – students register for classes, communicate with faculty and view course materials, and access electronic resources such as the digital asset library. The newest development, MyBryant, a portal that is being created by Computer Associates, will enable students to develop electronic portfolios that can be used for academic advancement and professional placement.

The laptop initiative is a critical step to ensure that students remain on the cutting edge in using technology to enhance her or his academic experience. With the opening of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology – and 450 data ports and wireless capability – Bryant students will have state-of-the-art information technology at their fingertips, with the resources necessary to allow each student to be connected 24/7, 12 months a year, wherever and whenever he or she needs to communicate.

Homework and group projects can take place at various locations on and off campus anytime during the academic year – even on spring break!



## VP for business affairs

**B**arry F. Morrison has been appointed vice president for business affairs/treasurer. Morrison brings to Bryant more than 16 years of experience in higher education. He served as controller for Emerson College, director of finance at Harvard University's Institute for International Development, and most recently as associate vice president of business and financial affairs at Babson College.

"We are pleased to have Barry join our exceptionally talented leadership team," says Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley. "His proven track record will ensure that the college builds upon its current financial strengths and makes sound financial decisions in both the short and long term."

A former senior accountant at KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP,

Morrison received his undergraduate degree in accounting at Providence College and an MBA from Babson College. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

"Bryant's clear strategic vision is to provide its students with an educational experience that will enable them to succeed," says Morrison. "I look forward to working collaboratively with all constituents to maximize the college's financial resources so that we can continue to enhance our excellent programs and reputation."



## Alumni Achievement Awards



Drew A. Diskin '95



Gerald J. Kirkwood '61



Richard Manning Smith



Thomas Celona '69

**T**hree Bryant alumni and a faculty member received achievement awards at a reception held on campus in April. They are: Thomas Celona '69, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Gerald J. Kirkwood '61, Nelson Gulski Service Award; Drew A. Diskin '95, Young Alumni Leadership Award; and Professor Richard Manning Smith, Distinguished Faculty Award.

Celona purchased the 21st Thrifty Car Rental in the country. Today, his 130-employee company ranks among the top 20 Thrifty's 1,200 franchises worldwide. The Small Business Administration named him Small Businessperson of the Year in 2000, one of numerous awards he has received for his business standards. He volunteers and serves on the boards of many organizations and received the Sam Walton Community Business Leader Award in 1998.

Since 1990, Kirkwood, a Beta Sigma Chi brother, has been an active alumnus. He has served as treasurer and vice president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Alumni Association, started a speakers' series, served on the National Alumni Council and various other committees and was co-chair of the his class at the 2001 Reunion/Homecoming Weekend. Currently, he's a member of the President's Leadership

Council. He is founder of the Dora C. Howard Center, an adult day services program. Kirkwood retired in 1991 as vice president of Lucas Epso.

Diskin was captivated by the business of his father's New York marketing and advertising agency. By the time he was 19, he had brought his first product to market. After graduating with a marketing concentration, he worked for AT&T and several startup software companies. In 1998, he and his wife, Meridith, founded Inertia LLC, which provides marketing and Internet business development services. He's currently pursuing his master's degree in technology management at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Richard Manning Smith, professor of mathematics and department chair, is as passionate about teaching as when he arrived on campus 27 years ago. His energetic commitment extends to his colleagues as well. Smith urges all of his students to give 100 percent, but he realized that for some, that level of effort did not always result in good grades. So he wrote the book, *Mastering Mathematics: How to be a Great Math Student*, a guide for math success that helps students at all levels reach their full potential. The book is now in its third edition and has also been printed in Spanish and in Thai.



# World Champion Patriots return this summer

Since 1976, Bryant has been the summer home of the New England Patriots, and this year loyal fans around New England will once again have the opportunity to view the Super Bowl champions up close and personal.

Training camp dates run from July 21 to August 24.

The Patriots live in dorm rooms on campus, where they have use of classrooms, three practice fields, a lecture hall, the auditorium, the swimming pool, and the fitness center/weight room. According

to Sheila Guay, director of conferences and special events, the college's food service generally has in its inventory 6,000 pounds of fruit, 5,000 pounds of pasta, 4,000 pounds of potatoes, 2,500 pounds of chicken, 2,000 pounds of turkey, 1,500 pounds of beef, 40 bushels of corn, 1,200 gallons of fruit juice, and 700 gallons of milk. For dessert, there are 225 gallons of ice cream.

As a general rule, practice sessions are held twice daily, from 9 to 11 a.m., and from 3 to 5 p.m., but everyone should call the Patriots Info Line at 232-1776 before

making plans to visit campus. The info line is updated daily beginning July 21.

George Coronado, director of public safety, anticipates that the number of visitors this summer will be at least double the usual crowd of a regular season, which is estimated at 700-1,000 for the morning session and 900-1,400 in the afternoon. The college can provide roughly 1,500 parking spots in our commuter parking lots; once those are full, unfortunately, cars will be turned away at the college entrance.

## Jackie Robinson Exhibit on campus through June 2



In 1947, baseball great Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball when he took the field as a Brooklyn Dodger. He led the team to six National League titles and a World Series victory.

Those achievements are only part of his legacy. Robinson fought for civil and human rights all of his life as a corporate business leader, a civil servant, and as a major figure in politics. Until his death in 1973, he was a tireless volunteer for church groups and community organizations.

Bryant is hosting the multi-media exhibit, "How Jackie Robinson Changed America," through June 2 in the Wellness Center. Created by the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, it features visuals from the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers, the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, and the Jackie Robinson Foundation, as well as film clips from Robinson's baseball career and interviews with former teammates.

This exhibit, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Urban League of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, along with lead sponsor Fleet Rhode Island and Bryant College, MetLife Auto & Home, the Pawtucket Red Sox, *The Providence Journal*, and the Rhode Island Foundation.

The handicapped-accessible exhibit will be open through June 2 as follows: Monday-Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. (open until 9 p.m. on Thursday), and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The exhibit will be closed Saturdays and May 17 and 19. For more information, call Rebekah Raz at 421-4111.

## SIFE team wins regionals

Bryant College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) took the regional championship in their division at the 2002 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Regional Exposition held April 9 in Hartford, Connecticut. Team presenters included: Daniel Dabrowski '04, Meghan Partridge '05, Matthew Muzrall '05, Michael Trainor '05, and Joanna Termotto '04.

"It is always gratifying to note that Bryant students promise to be first-rate leaders in the world of business," says Keith Murray, professor of marketing and team advisor. "What SIFE accomplished this year is noteworthy, and their presentation at the competition was nothing short of impressive."

Supported by many Fortune 500 firms, SIFE is a national organization that encourages students to take what they learn in the classroom and use their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.

The projects presented by the Bryant team included helping senior citizens to learn how to use the Internet for personal and business use. The students also performed a business simulation for 5th graders and hosted a competition on ethics and action. Teams were judged on the effectiveness of their projects during a 24-minute presentation and were evaluated on creativity and innovation, results of the education program, success in utilizing resources, and documentation of activities.

Regional champions named at 20 competitions held around the country will compete at the 2002 SIFE USA National Exposition, in Kansas City, Missouri, this month.



# Bryant Literary Review

The third edition of the *Bryant Literary Review* (BLR), a national journal of fiction and poetry, is now available for purchase. Senior Jason Starbuck is featured with his first published poem, *Kathleen Mary McCarthy*.

More than 1,000 submissions were received from across the country and around the world. An editorial board of faculty, students, and staff selected seven short stories and 23 poems. The board includes: Professor Tom Chandler (Rhode Island Poet Laureate), editor and poetry editor; Professor Mary Prescott, fiction editor; Ron Pitt, director of the Faculty Development Center, managing editor; Janet Proulx, assistant director of public relations, associate editor; Robert Diehm '02, student editor; and Melanie Ferrara '02, student editorial assistant. Design and layout were done by Rebecca Chandler.

"The BLR provides a respected venue for high quality creative writing from across America and around the world," says Tom Chandler. We feel we are making an important connection between the Bryant community and the larger literary culture."

Copies are \$8 and may be purchased in Faculty Suite F, or by calling (401) 232-6464. For a preview of the journal, log on to the BLR Web site at <http://web.bryant.edu/~blr>

Submissions for the next issue will be accepted from September 1 to December 31, 2002. See the Web site for submission guidelines.



IN CELEBRATION OF APRIL, NATIONAL POETRY MONTH, WE OFFER A POEM BY PROFESSOR THOMAS CHANDLER, WHO IS ALSO RHODE ISLAND'S POET LAUREATE.

## Paraplegic Student

Far down the crowded corridor I watched  
you wheel that chair you wore like a steel  
and rubber coat, watched the way you  
pumped the pistons made from what had  
once been merely arms, saw how you  
crouched forward for the chance to spring  
up nervous as a frog, brace your back  
against the wall, fling your shriveled legs  
into a corner, step into your newest self  
and live your life all over again, this time  
knowing that what grows cold inside  
the ground can climb into a torso, feed  
itself on brains and blood, steal hope like  
coins from a tollbooth basket; I watched  
from deep inside myself and wished  
like you that I could rise up gasping to  
the surface, soak both lungs blue with oxygen,  
stare hard at the sharp edges of the world  
and climb inside the wind and walk a step  
or two on water before I sink.

— Tom Chandler

## Bryant listed in "The 345 Best Colleges"

There are more than 3,500 colleges in the United States. Trying to choose the right one is often a daunting effort for high school students and their families. To narrow their search, many turn to the publications that rank the educational institutions in this country.

Bryant College is pleased to have been selected by the editors of *The Princeton Review* for their 2003 edition of "The 345 Best Colleges." *The Princeton Review* has a strong reputation as a selective information source and is used by college-bound students throughout the country. As Bryant continues its outreach efforts to ensure that key audiences are aware of the excellence of our academic programs and the many changes taking place at our college, this type of visibility will only enhance our position.

Many members of the Bryant community, including the students who responded to *The Princeton Review's* e-mail survey, were instrumental in the college's inclusion in this prestigious publication.



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